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Jersey City to Celebrate the 28th Anniversary of National Night Out Against Crime

***The Jersey City Police Department Will Join Residents in an Effort to
Fight for Safer Streets and Communities***

JERSEY CITY — On Tuesday, August 2, 2011, Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the **Jersey City Police Department** will host the **28th Anniversary of National Night Out (NNO)**, a crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). Events will take place simultaneously, from **6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** at **Pershing Field and Audubon Park**.

National Night Out is celebrated by citizens, law enforcement agencies, community groups, businesses and local officials in more than 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

“Our top priority is to keep our neighborhoods safe,” said **Mayor Healy**. “The work of the Police Department is enhanced when collaborating with residents. Events such as these not only help bring the community closer, but are a great way for residents to familiarize themselves with the police department, provide important information to our police officers and obtain information on city services.”

Each year, National Night Out encourages neighbors to come together, get acquainted, and have a fun-filled safe night to foster neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. There will be balloons, refreshments, plenty of entertainment and activities, games, and giveaways in each park. Various community service organizations will be on hand to provide information to the public.

Mayor Healy will visit National Night Out locations to commend and acknowledge those individuals and groups who are providing invaluable services and resources to their community.

“It is important to recognize outstanding citizens of our city for their civic achievements and dedication to their community,” continued **Mayor Healy**. “It is their selfless acts that make a positive impact on our City and help us make Jersey City better.”

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Sponsored by Target, NNO's national sponsor, and locally by city departments and agencies as well as the Jersey City Police Foundation, New Jersey Parole, and the POBA, the event promises to bring fun-filled entertainment including music, face painting, temporary tattoos, a moon bounce, dunk tanks, demonstrations by the Harlem Wizards basketball team, and much more.

Mayor Healy has always been a strong proponent of reducing crime and promoting safer streets. **Mayor Healy's Operation Lifesaver**, a gun buy-back and amnesty program, removed nearly 900 guns off the streets in 2005 entered its second phase this summer with **Operation Lifesaver II**. This year 234 guns were removed during Operation Lifesaver II. In conjunction with the Jersey City Police Department, the Mayor created the city's first **Anti-Gang Task Force**, as well as the **Senior Care Card Program** and the **Senior Police Academy**. Other crime and safety initiatives supported by the Mayor include enforcing the business curfew, CompStat, and increasing the number of **Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)** cameras in the Urban Enterprise Zones.

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